

## CLAIMS

1. A method for regulating transcription activated by the transcription factor NF $\kappa$ B in a part of a blood vessel or vascular graft, wherein the method comprises the step of contacting the graft  
5 with a decoy for the transcription factor NF $\kappa$ B.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the part of the vessel or vascular graft is a vein graft.
3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the method comprises contacting the NF $\kappa$ B decoy with a part of the vessel or vascular graft *in vivo* or *ex vivo*.
4. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the method comprises introducing the  
10 NF $\kappa$ B decoy into the vessel or vascular graft using a pressure-mediated method.
5. The method of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the method suppresses neointimal formation in the graft by contact with the decoy against the transcription factor NF $\kappa$ B.
6. An agent for protection from intimal thickening in a vascular graft, wherein the agent comprises an NF $\kappa$ B decoy.
- 15 7. The agent for protection of claim 6, wherein the vascular graft is a vein graft.
8. The agent for protection of claim 6 or 7, wherein the agent is for introducing an NF $\kappa$ B decoy into a vessel or vascular graft using a pressure-mediated method.